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To: House Criminal Justice Committee

A Motorcycle endorsement has been required in Michigan for over 40 years. Yet, unendorsed riders have been a major problem for the past 25 years. In the 1st study conducted by the Secretary of State from 1989-1993, 49% of the fatalities were unendorsed. Unfortunately this trend has continued since unendorsed Michigan motorcyclists have averaged 40% each and every year since 1989. This is unacceptable. HB 4651, should provide more incentive for new riders to get "LEGAL".

History of the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Fund: This earmarked fund was established in legislation passed in 1982. \$3 from the motorcycle plate fee would be earmarked in this fund to be used solely for motorcycle safety training and motorcycle licensing. This bill was passed with the help of a collation of groups including ABATE of Michigan. Since that time ABATE of Michigan has come back to the legislature 5 times to keep this fund solvent. Currently \$10 of the original cycle endorsement goes into the Motorcycle Safety Fund. \$2 of the motorcycle endorsement renewal fee goes into the Motorcycle Safety Fund. The privatizing of motorcycle licensing administrative costs are still charged to the Michigan Motorcycle Safety Fund.

NO STATE GENERAL FUND MONEY GOES INTO THE MICHIGAN MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FUND.

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